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ULTIMATE HISTORY: Supplement #3 is now available. Cost is \$5 plus \$1.50 for P&H. The cost for the entire book plus three supplements is \$56 plus \$4 for postage and handling.

I am planning a complete revision of the **Ultimate Log** by October of this year. If you have any corrections or additions of any kind or new shows in circulation, **please** begin to get me the information so the revision will be as accurate and complete as possible.

CONVENTION 1996: Dates are October 17 – 19, 1996 at the Holiday Inn North, Newark, NJ. All details are on the flyer enclosed.

If anyone would like to write an original OTR article for our convention booklet, please send it to me. I will choose one or two articles for inclusion. All the articles must be camera ready.

Friends of Old-Time Radio Script Contest

The **Third** annual original script writing contest is now open. We would like an original 30 minute script which, this time, must be based on an historical event similar to Cavalcade of America. The script should also contain parts for children since we hope to have the help of the Museum of Television and Radio to have children available.

The script must have all music and sound cues as well as all the spoken material. Try to arrange it in script form so it doesn't have to be retyped.

The prize for the best script will be \$150 and will have its live performance at our 1997 convention on Thursday evening after dinner. We would like you to attend our convention to participate but it is not mandatory. You can direct it if you wish. There will be some rehearsal time. Scripts must be submitted by **August 15th, 1996**. Send to Dave Zwengler, 319 Plymouth Rd., North Brunswick, NJ 08902 (908) 940-7639. A distinguished panel of old-time radio buffs will pick the winning script. They must be very readable. All are eligible so please spread the word.

The winning script in our first contest was won by Michael Giorgio. The second was won by James Nixon. Jim's script was based on The Lone Ranger and it will be performed at our 21st annual convention on Thursday, October 17, 1996.

Will all clubs with newsletters print the above in order to give everyone a chance?

PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED: **Tradition**, May – Jun (Publication of the National Traditional Country Music Assn.)...**Chattanooga Airwaves**, May – Jun; article about The Grand Ole Opry.. **Nostalgia Digest**, Jun – Jul; articles about the 1930's, especially 1936...**Old-time Radio Digest**, Mar – Apr; articles about clubs and buying groups; Vincent Price...May – Jun; articles about Eve Arden; ethics in collecting OTR...**Return With Us Now**; June; reprints of articles about Lum and Abner...July; reprint of article about Myrt and Marge...**Radio Recall**, June; articles about Rex Koury and the music he is preparing for an original script by Edgar Russell to be performed in Fairfax, Virginia; Radio Wars; Radio Entertainment Network, Box 51161, Seattle, WA 98115; REN is a non profit group supplying a weekly format of OTR to radio reading service stations free of charge; Sound effects...**SPERDVAC Radiogram**, June; articles about Stan Freberg; Dick Osgood's 95th birthday...July; articles about Tommy Cook...**Jolson Journalette**, June (International Al Jolson Society)...**Illustrated Press**, June; articles on George Burns; Aldrich Family; Just Plain Bill...**Remembering the Mills Brothers**; June...**Daily Sentinel**, Jul – Aug; article about the award given to Pacific Garden Mission for its 46th year of producing "Unshackled"...**Thrilling Days of Yesteryear**, Jul – Aug; articles about Bing Crosby and the first tape recorder used for taping his show

in 1947; icy receptions to stars; Don McNeill...**On the Air**, Jul – Aug; articles about Major Bowes; Tom Mix...**Nostalgia Digest**, Aug – Sep; articles about Verna Felton and Bea Benadaret; Gene Tierney; premiums.

BOOKS: Greenwood Publishing Group has published many bio-bibliographies in the performing arts. James Robert Parish is the series editor. 71 have been published. For a list or to order call 1-800-225-5800....**Those Wonderful, Terrible Years: George Heller and the American Federation of Television and Radio Artists:** Southern Illinois University Press, Box 3697, Carbondale, IL 62901 (618) 453-6633; 235 pages; \$19.95 paperback. This is the story of George Heller, and the history of AFTRA which he helped found, told against the background of the House Un-American Activities Committee and one Senator Joseph McCarthy...**In Front of and Behind the Mike** is an ambitious project by Gary Mercer, Box 2012, Fernley, NV 89408. It is a listing of close to 4500 radio personalities. Information about them includes programs they were associated with and birth and death dates when known. A little over 2000 have the birth and/or death dates. It is a computer print out of about 300 pages. Cost is \$30 postpaid.

ORGANIZATIONS AND CLUBS: The **Boswell Museum**, named after the Boswell Sisters, is undergoing a major fund raiser to renovate its permanent facility in East Springfield, NY. If you want more information or want to contribute, write them at Box 27, East Springfield, NY 13333...The **Lend-A-Hand Society** is releasing a 13-episode series of Ring Lardner's plays. It will be broadcast over interested stations starting in a few months. For information contact **Gary Gabriel**, 60 Riverside Dr., Apt 2C, New York, NY (212) 579-9422...If you want a relaxing time, go to the **Inn at Maplewood Farm**, Box 1478, Hillsborough, NH 03244 1-800-644-6695. Besides enjoying a quiet time in New Hampshire at this B & B Inn, you will hear OTR over your radio. Jayme and Laure Simeos, the innkeepers, broadcast shows from their collection over vintage radio in all their guest suites. They started doing this in May of 1995.

CONVENTIONS: **21st Old-time Country Music Contest and Festival;** August 26 - September 2 at Pottawattamie County Fairgrounds, Iowa. Contact Bob Everhart at Box 438, Walnut, IA 51577...**3rd Annual Long Island Jolson Festival;** September 7; Holiday Inn, Westbury, NY; contact Jan Hernstat (516) 678-3524...Annual **SPERDVAC** convention being held Nov 8 – 10 at the Holiday Inn Crowne Plaza in Los Angeles. For information contact Larry or John Gassman at (310) 947-9800.

THE INTERNET: Many of my subscribers are on the Internet. A list was started in November of 1995. Additional names and corrected names follow. **A complete alphabetical list can be obtained by sending me a SASE.** Don Brockway <DBrockway@aol.com>...Edgar Church, Jr. <elchurch@voyager.net>...Jack French <JFrench188@aol.com>...Steve Lewis (CT) <Lewis@ccsua.ctstateu.edu>...Jed Dolnick <jdolnick@hnet.net>...Charles Summers <lof@catamart.com>...John Eccles, Jr. <jeccles@earthlink.net>

LOGS: I now have completed my longest program log to date. It is the complete log of **CBS Radio Mystery Theater**. Each of the 2970 chronological entries either has the title of the show and up to 3 performers if a new title, or if a repeat, has the date of the original broadcast. It also includes a list of many of the writers of original shows. Many thanks to Dave Siegel for his help. He has every show that was broadcast.

Cost is \$15 plus \$2 P&H or a total of \$17.

I have also revised my **Lux Radio Theater Log**. All the programs are listed in chronological and alphabetical order. Just about all programs have 3 performers listed. Cost is \$8.00 plus \$1.50 for P & H.

From Jim Stringham I have 3 logs for sale. They are complete descriptions of **Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde; The Ghost Corps** and **Speed Gibson of the International Police**. Cost is \$3 plus \$1 P&H for all of them.

Bernard Drew, 24 Gilmore Ave., Great Barrington, MA 01230 (413) 528-4953 has a 20-page log of Hopalong Cassidy. This gives a history of the program and capsule plots of all but one of the programs (#46) which is still unavailable. Cost is \$5 postpaid.

CATALOGS AND NEW SHOWS: **Vintage Broadcasts** (Andy Blatt), 42 Bowling Green, Staten Island, NY 10314: 1-800-418-1445 in his May/June supplement has Let George Do It; Rogue's Gallery; Have Gun, Will Travel, others. His web area is (<http://www.old-time.com/blatt.html>)..His Jul/Aug flyer has This is Your FBI; Let George Do It; BBC serials and others...**Great American Radio** (Gary Kramer), Box 504, Genesee, MI 48437; 1-810-686-5973 in his June and July supplement has Big Jon and Sparky; Broadway is My Beat; CBS Radio Workshop; Hall of Fantasy; Sealed Book; World's Great Novels; others...**Hello Again Radio**, Box 6176, Cincinnati, OH 45206. Red and beige supplements include a variety of shows...**Rainy Day Books** (**Frank Bequaert**), Box 775 Rt 119, Fitzwilliam, NH 03447 (603) 585-3448 has his latest catalog of Radio Broadcasting Books and paper. **Steve Lewis**, 62 Chestnut Rd., Newington, CT 06111 has supplement 27. Shows are on reels and include new NBC Star Playhouse (11/15/49); Duffy's Tavern (9/21/50); 4 new The Big Story; Dragnet (5/3/51)...**BRC Productions** (**Bob Burnham**), Box 510264, Livonia, MI 48151; latest supplement is out with Suspense, Life of Riley, Jack Benny, others. This supplement also has much information about the Collector's Radio Network...If you are interested in BBC and Canadian comedy shows contact **Ken Yesson** 4316-83 St., Edmonton, Alberta, Canada T6K-0Z5. He also is interested in Jack Benny, Fred Allen, Burns & Allen and Red Skelton...**John Cooper**, Rt 1 Box 371, Clarksburg, WV 26301 has page 23 - 26 of his catalog. It contains many different shows on cassette. John is looking for more 30-minute Lum and Abner; Tom Mix and Little Orphan Annie...**Dave Siegel**, 419 Granite Spring Rd., Yorktown Hts., NY 10598 just added 96 new Cities Service Band of America from 1942 through 1955...**Martin Grams**, Box 189, Delta, PA 17314 (717) 456-6604 has several new shows; The Big Show (4/15/51); Inner Sanctum (9/20/42 - The Dead Walk the Night); (9/13/48 - The Murder Carousel); Tales from the Reader's Digest with Boris Karloff (1963 - 1965); Pat Novak (11/23/47 - Lydia Reynolds); Columbia Workshop (8/22/37 - Escape); Barry Craig (10/10/51 - Borrowed Knife)...**SPERDVAC**, Box 7177, Van Nuys, CA 91409 has several new shows including YTDollar (1960) 10/9; 10/16; 11/6; Fred Waring; Big Jon and Sparky #441; It Pays to Be Ignorant 4/6/45; Jimmy Durante 5/4/45; This is Your FBI (several from 1946)...**Radio Memories** (**Ted Davenport**), 1600 Wewoka, North Little Rock, AR 72116 (501) 835-0465 has Flyer Special No. 4 with Our Miss Brooks, Lum 'n' Abner, Railroad Hour, Dimension X, other.s

Brian Gari is releasing two new Eddie Cantor shows: 4/28/43 with Lucille Ball, Desi Arnaz, Fred Astaire; and 6/9/43 with Burns and Allen, Groucho Marx and Jack Benny. They may be purchased after August first from the Eddie Cantor Appreciation Society, Box 312, Mount Gay, WV 25637. Cost for the 2 shows on CD is \$16.95 including P&H or \$12.95 including P&H for cassette.

NEW ADDRESSES: **Stephen Holden**, 701 Manzanita Way, Vancouver, WA 98661...**Phil Callan**, 20 Lou Ann Terrace, Meriden, CT 06450.

NEW FRIENDS AND RETURNEES: **Thomas Buetow**, 7725 Lynchburg Court West, Jacksonville, FL 32277 wants any information about Richard Kollmar and Boston Blackie and to get in touch with any other B B fans...**T J Kohler**, 1907 "G" Street, Bellingham, WA 98225...**William Hufford**, 135 Rosedale Ct., Bloomingdale, IL 60108...**Bernard Wichert**, Gruenepfeist, 4, D-52159 Roetgen, Germany is a member of the International Assn. of Sound Archives Germany/Switzerland. He is looking for people who might be interested and willing to exchange recordings and information. he has a large collection of music and the spoken word. While much of it is not Radio, he has much material dating back to 1877...**Steve Shutt**, 49 Lowden Ave., Somerville, MA 02144 is writing a book about Grayson Hall (Shirley Grayson). Among many other things she was in two late Suspense episodes "Snow on 66" and "Weekend at Gleeves." He would like as much information as possible...**James Andrews**, 138 Broad St., Rehoboth, MA 02769 (508) 336-9507 has 19 transcription discs, most with part 1 and part 2 of different programs. Anyone interested in getting these discs, all he asks is that you send him back cassette copies of the shows...**Donald Godfrey**, Walter Cronkite School of Journalism, Box 871305, Arizona State Univ., Tempe, AZ 85187 (602) 965-8661 is doing

research about Philo T. Farnsworth and would appreciate any information he can get...**Al Smith**, 7212 Deborah Dr., Falls Church, VA 22046 wants information and/or programs about Liberty Baseball...**Dana Kimble**, 407 First St., Newburgh, NY 12550 (914) 565-8517...**Joan Brooks**, Box 1304, Desert Hot Springs, CA 92240 (619) 329-7762 is looking for the episode of Death Valley Days in late Aug or early September, 1939 in which Father Crowley spoke. Father Crowley gave many of the ideas for the stories to the writers of D V D...**A R Jones**, 35A Farmway, Alkarington, Middleton, Manchester, Lancs. M24 1DL England... **Mark Reesor**, R R 2 Pickering, Ontario L1V 2P9 Canada...**Robert Palko**, 1348 Fern Ave., Reading, PA 19607...**William Wishman**, 62 Fillmore Ave., South Portland, ME 04106.

OLD FRIENDS: **Nat Berman**, 175 Eastern Pkwy, Brooklyn, NY 11238 has 40 Your Hit Parade that were done by Andre Baruch and Bea Wain in 1979. These are re-creations of a particular year in which they play the original 78's that were popular. Also WQEW in New York had a birthday tribute to Frank Sinatra in which they played all of the recordings that he ever did in alphabetical order. Nat recorded most of the program...**Bill Anthony**, 1684 Beryl Dr., Pittsburgh, PA 15227 still is looking for Lux Radio Theater, 3/27/50, The Man Who Came to Dinner with Clifton Webb and Lucille Ball. He also is looking for on VHS the 1937 serial Jungle Jim with Grant Withers...**Luther Sies**, 101 West 23 St., New York, NY 10011 is looking for 2 books: Music in the Air by Philip K. Eberly (Hastings House) and Marianne Macy: WOR Radio; 1922 – 1982...**Ruben Thomas**, Box 020366, Brooklyn, NY 11202 is seeking episodes of Lonesome Gal and Blondie...**Francis Rylance**, PSC 2 Box 5163, APO AE 09012 wants to know where he can buy clip art of radios for printing.

IN FOND MEMORY: **Luana Patten**, May 1; 57; actress (Hallmark Hall of Fame)...**Mario Braggiotti**, May 18, 90; pianist, often with Jacques Fray. On many radio shows including their own...**Jack McCarthy**, May 24, 81; NBC staff announcer. For 41 years Anchor on WPIX in New York for St. Patrick's Day Parade...**Paul Masterson**, May 10, 78. husband of Gale Storm, radio announcer on the West Coast and ABC TV executive. We met him at our latest FOTR Convention in which he participated in the re-creation of My Little Margie...**John Abbott**, May 24; 90; actor (2 Lux Radio Theaters).. **Albert Lewin**, Apr 23; 79; writer (Eddie Cantor; Judy Canova)...**William Bales**, Jun 6; 79; NBC producer and writer...**Ella Fitzgerald**, Jun 15; 78. This great singer had her own radio shows from 1939 – 1943...**Mel Allen**, Jun 16; 82; Voice of the Yankees; announcer (This Day is Ours; Truth of Consequences)...**Frank Papp**, May 27; Director/producer; Radio, TV, Film (Vic and Sade; Eternal Light; The Bartons). Frank Papp attended our convention...**Eugenia Price**, May 28, 79; novelist and Radio Writer (Painted Dreams, Stella Dallas)...**Pamela Mason**, Jun 29, 80; on radio with her husband, James Mason, in 1949. Also was on TV with him..**William Palmer**, Jun 6, 85; audio and film inventor and maker.

Anne Hummert; Jul 5, 91; she and her husband, Frank Hummert, wrote thousands of radio programs, mainly "soap operas." Anne Hummert, who had a photographic memory, was renowned in the industry for her ability to remember each intricate twist of every one of their creations. At a time when doctors and lawyers were making \$5000 a year a less, The Hummerts were making \$100,000 a year from their enterprise. At one time they had as many as 18 separate 15-minute serials running at a time for a total of 90 episodes a week. Their first was "Just Plain Bill" which hit the airwaves in September of 1932.

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